

one night they asked me to sing (last Sunday).

"Last Friday night was the annual play & a big dance afterward--of course they all expected me to stay & were surprised when I walked away as soon as the play was over--I made excuses--But only one "ONE MATE" for your gypsy & I am loyal & true every moment. Dearest I am proud of our loyalty to each other--oh it is so--STRONG--STRONGER--every breath.

"About Mrs. Hall--she hasn't said a word about you & I don't think has changed toward you--but her remarks at Point Pleasant were foolish & entirely uncalled for. I don't blame you for being hurt--you know how I feel about them. Dearest, don't let it trouble you. I didn't show her your letter to me--but you were wise to send it to Is esford--for she might have commented if no letter came from you. But she didn't ask to see it--just said, 'Is there any news from Eleanor?' As for writing to her--do just as seems best to you--it will be all right either way.

"Dearest, I am not stopping this letter--only pausing--as I can't write more now. I want to write forever. I am writing in my book day by day--oh, such volumes to say; it seems as tho' I had hardly begun. Good-night, dear heart; every blessing for you, and I know you are giving me strength to be patient for ten days. I expect to reach N. B. FRIDAY MORNING, AUG. 25. We leave here on Wednesday and reach N. B. Friday. Oh, such long days! But I hear you saying, Be strong, for I am strong. I crush you--you dear, dear wonder-heart."

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